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Although naturally departing from intelligence reports in last first phase of Department's cablegram to you, lack of confidence in our sources may result in unnecessary alarm and confusion. Foreign Minister is无疑 the most senior Foreign Office official, in our view, will be puzzled by reference to intelligence on possible disorders of "unprecedented violence" if this unreported or unconfirmed by Argentine side. Foreign Office official also likely be puzzled by our report of imminent dangers and request for strengthening security measures in face circumstance that group of U.S. Mayors being entertained here in public function and Billy Graham preaching in Luna Park, obviously unwarned by us (and we do not feel authorized by reference Department Circular telegram to warn them or other U.S. citizens directly or through Consulate here or in Cordoba). Indeed, if Ambassador McClintock does not return in time to act in reference Department Circular telegram Foreign Minister will be additionally puzzled.

I will brief field his questions and place major emphasis on Washington as source of intelligence reports in expectation evidence will develop so rapidly that initial skepticism and puzzlement soon will be forgotten. Should be noted, however, that October 21 Buenos Aires HERALD carried front page AP dispatch containing Pentagon denial of buildup for Cuban invasion and October 22 paper headlined "White House security

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"Stampdown over Cuba". In face of these reports (IC or 30 Oct MT NEWS Broadcast had similar story), Foreign Minister likely to consider Washington "evidence" of upcoming Communist plot against us as confirmation U.S. invasion plans and as Washington still wants Communists will react to "aggression" as publicly they can. Thus, U.S. will appear even to its friends at this point as unnecessarily disingenuous and as "provoking" certain Communist reaction.

Moreover, Foreign Minister or other high civilian or Foreign Office officers bound unfavorably react to request for interview with President Guido. He will normally and naturally probably await receipt more concrete persuasive details concerning threats to Argentine security and U.S. interests here before agreeing to alert his Chief. He will probably, however, do so but with misgivings and resentment at our seeming lack of trust in him.

1. Ordinarily, urge amendment of instructions Department Circular Telegram 700 concerning initial contact with Foreign Minister to:

a. Sanction reference to anti emphasis on Washington's aggressive nuclear buildup in Cuba. This would put emphasis on aggression on Cuban Reds where beliefs and racial affinities can compare U.S. intelligence reports on domestic scene with those of side and minimize otherwise certain skepticism and puzzlement.

b. Sanction reference to likely imminent message from President Kennedy to President Guido as basis for anticipating need for appointment with latter. Alternatively, delete reference in conversation with Foreign Minister to anticipated need for appointment with President Guido until letter from President Kennedy has arrived here.

Instructions requested NIACT.

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